

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending and at issue.


Claim 4 has been amended to correct a typographical error by deleting the letters “te” and replacing them with the word “the”. Accordingly, the objection to claim 4 should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 based on Campbell and the rejection of claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 based on Campbell in view of Eastbay Lined Windpants are respectfully traversed. Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to clarify the claims and to overcome the rejections. More specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the structure that is intended to be claimed by reciting the lower region as having “a puncture-resistant layer made from a cloth fabric that is puncture-resistant”, and that the cloth fabric is “resistant to punctures by snakes or by thorny or spiky plants”, and further that the abrasion-resistant material is “less resistant to punctures than the puncture-resistant cloth fabric”. This clarifies that the claim is referring to the material and cloth fabric itself, not to a construction of the material or cloth fabric such as the reinforced edges of wraps 28 and 29 of Campbell. Claim 5 has been amended to characterize each of the upper and lower regions as having “an outer layer of material”, wherein “the material of the outer layers of the lower regions has a greater resistance to punctures than the material of the outer layers of the upper regions.” Campbell fails to disclose that the material used in its wraps 28 and 29 is puncture-resistant as recited in the amended claims, and furthermore fails to disclose that the material utilized in its legs 48a and 48b is less resistant to puncture than the cloth fabric utilizing its wraps 28 and 29. Indeed,

Campbell fails to disclose or suggest that materials having different properties be utilized for its wraps 28 and 29 in comparison to its legs 48a and 48b. Accordingly, for this reason alone, the rejections based on Campbell should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the objection to claim 4 and the rejections of claims 1-8 and allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

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